

THE CATRON TRIAL.

Some Interesting Evidence has been Developed.

The Republican Leader Looks Worried and Seems to Realize His Position.

SANTA FE, Oct. 21.—Although it was not expected at the time the supreme court convened here two weeks ago that the session would last more than two weeks, that length of time has been consumed and the Catron case is still under consideration by the court. The trial was set for last Monday, but other matters which had not been disposed of occupied the attention of the court a considerable part of the week, among them being the case of Thomas Hughes and W. T. McCreight, of the Albuquerque Citizen, for contempt of court in the publication of an article which reflected very seriously on the supreme court of the territory. Both were found guilty of contempt and McCreight was fined \$25 and costs. Sentence in the case of Mr. Hughes was deferred on account of the illness of Chief Justice Smith who was confined to his room most of the week. He was suddenly attacked with a congestive chill and was unable to attend to his duties during the remainder of the week.

Although both Mr. Hughes and Mr. McCreight denied, in their answers in the contempt proceedings that they knew who the author of the libellous article which was published in the Citizen was, it is more than probable that the identity of the writer will be revealed within the next few days. Should the author be so unfortunate as to come before the court he might have cause to regret very sincerely that he ever suffered his thoughts to be put on paper.

Some very damaging testimony has been brought out in the Catron case and it is said that there is more to come which will be even more damaging than that which has already been submitted. The case is being stubbornly contested by Mr. Catron's attorneys, Messrs. Field, Fall, Springer and Clancy and nothing is being left undone which would be likely to help his cause.

Perhaps the most interesting incident of the trial last week was the production in court of the letters written by Mr. Catron, as attorney for the S. P. railroad company, to Mr. Sterry, attorney for the Atlantic and Pacific, requesting passes for two persons in Santa Fe. Max Knodt, a resident of this city, one of the witnesses at the examination of the Borregas for the murder of Frank Chaves, testified that he saw one of the Borregas running down Water street just before the killing of Chaves. The defense sought to prove an alibi for Bor-

rega and, of course, it was necessary to suppress, modify or contradict this testimony in order to prove that Borrega was not at or near Guadalupe bridge at or about the time of the killing. The fact was brought out that Mr. Catron had obtained a pass for Max Knodt over the Atlantic and Pacific railroad from Albuquerque, but Mr. Catron stated under oath that he obtained the pass for Knodt out of friendship to enable him to go out on the Atlantic and Pacific to see his girl.

It was known by one of the attorneys for the prosecution of Catron that the pass was not asked for on any such grounds and an effort was made to get the original letter which was supposed to be on file in the office of the attorney for the Atlantic and Pacific. Considerable sparring was indulged in by the attorneys on both sides. Mr. Snyder, who is in the office of Mr. Sterry, attorney for the Atlantic and Pacific, did not appear to have any desire to produce the letters and stated that there was no such letter in the public files of the office, but having been pretty severely talked to by one of the judges for trying to evade the question, he returned to Albuquerque and, under the instruction of Mr. Sterry, returned with the letters which he stated were in the private and miscellaneous files of the office.

The letter which was written by Mr. Catron to Mr. Sterry asking for a pass for Mr. Knodt states that Mr. Catron had some very important business to attend to out on the line of the Atlantic and Pacific which would have to be attended to by himself or an agent and that as he was very busy he would like to have a pass for Max Knodt, good for thirty days. Mr. Knodt gave entirely different testimony at the trial from that which he gave at the examination and it is charged that he did it in consideration of the pass which was obtained for him by Mr. Catron.

The introduction of this letter in court after Mr. Catron had stated under oath that he obtained the pass for Mr. Knodt out of friendship and in order to enable him to go and see his girl, caused quite a sensation and some of the wicked people of this place are wondering if Mr. Catron sent Mr. Knodt out as his agent to court a girl!

Several other witnesses have been examined and the testimony against Mr. Catron is very damaging. It is understood that Mr. Catron's attorneys will attempt to break down the evidence of several of the witnesses who have already testified, but the web of testimony is so strong that it will be very difficult, if not impossible to do this.

At the beginning of the trial Mr. Catron seemed to be confident and he did not appear to be worried in the least concerning the result, but during the

past week his manner has changed and he appears to be exceedingly apprehensive of the result.

The C. L. S. C. held their regular meeting at the residence of Mrs. W. L. Jackson Saturday Oct. 19. The next meeting will be at Mrs. R. S. Barnes.

Doc. Warren has adorned his bar with some very pretty lamp shades and a profusion of flowers, which tend to make a pretty effect.

Mrs. A. J. Loomis celebrated her birthday Monday evening by a gathering of her few intimate friends at her home.

The opening dance of the Silver City social club in Newcomb hall Friday evening promises to be a great social event.

Stock shipments from Silver City are commencing. Three cars went out this week.

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